

Spokane Regional Toxics Task Force Tech Track Work Group Meeting

DRAFT AGENDA: September 7, 2016 | 10:00am – 12:00pm
Department of Ecology | N. 4601 Monroe St. | Spokane, WA 99205

TTWG Meeting OBJECTIVES: *hear updates and discuss next steps for:*

- *Data gathering, monitoring*
 - *Comprehensive plan*
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DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. Monthly sampling: which two months in late 2016?
 2. Suggestions toward identifying groundwater source up-gradient of Kaiser (potential 55 mg/day)
 3. 2015 Gravity sampling report, finalized by LimnoTech: comment deadline + timeline for LimnoTech section
 4. Comp Plan update: who drafts information/activities section?
 5. October 5th TTWG coincides with Video conference with Susan Braley of Ecology (Policy 1-11 revision). Continue both meetings as scheduled and coordinate agenda, reschedule the October TTWG Meeting?
 6. Next SRRTTF workshop—schedule for December-February, or to coincide with Spokane River Forum (November 2017): Dialogue on potential outcomes/purposes, date(s).
 7. 2017-2019 Task Force Projects/Workplan (to support biennial budget request & achieve SRRTTF goals)
 8. Prioritize potential Environmental Assessment Program (EAP) projects (*refer to background document*); Task Force suggestions on 8/24/16 below (*need volunteers to draft a paragraph project description for each*):
 - Study/establish a bioaccumulation factor for PCB in the Spokane River
 - Study Dissolved Oxygen in Lake Spokane, is there a correction factor for when phosphorus enters the system. Perhaps this is a literature search.
 - 2017 or 2018 freshwater fish contaminant monitoring for Spokane River (potential SRRTTF funding)?
 - Review past fish studies to see if PCB concentrations can be associated with specific age fish; look at age related effects with respect to fish PCB concentrations (specifically for suckers) to see if PCB trends can be tracked by age of fish.
 - Evaluate impact of sediment in the Spokane River (possible locations include Ninemile, Mission, Division, Lake Spokane, “hot spots” where PCBs have been found in fish. Do something like what they did in San Francisco bay? Tributaries? Sediment poor vs. sediment rich areas?
 - Investigate impact of PCBs in groundwater on the Spokane River. Go more into more depth on the previous EAP memo regarding groundwater.
 - Do a food web analysis to identify how fish are affected by PCBs.
 - Collect data, if needed, to support a 4B classification by Ecology
 - Collect data, if needed to support a fish advisory analysis by Department of Health
 - PCB analysis on age-dated sediment core from lower Lake Spokane
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For reference & any relevant updates:

- Ongoing and proposed EAP Projects:
 - LSR Hatchery case study (sampling/analysis of hatchery fish—includes Trout Lodge (Avista) fish sampling)
 - High volume sampling/long Tem Monitoring Station at Spokane Tribal Reservation boundary
 - Atmospheric deposition
 - Assessment of methods for sampling low-level toxics in surface waters
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Next full Task Force meeting is **September 28, 2016**, 9:00am-12:30 pm, at Water Resources Center
Next scheduled TTWG meeting / SRRTTF meeting: September 7, 2016 from 10:00am-12:00 pm at Dept. of Ecology

Conference call-in number is (800) 704-9804. Participant Code is 34863442#

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